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TO : EA - Mr. Green
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FROM : EA/ACA - Paul H. Kreissberg

SUBJECT: Planned Program for Follow-Up "Working-Level" Meeting with Chinese after 136th Meeting on February 20 -- INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

1. As you know, Don Anderson and I will again meet with the Chinese interpreter-advisor and their notetaker the day following our formal meeting in order to exchange opening statements and review other "operational" matters. I intend to take up a number of semi-substantive matters "informally" on this occasion, not anticipating any Chinese response but with full confidence our remarks will be reported back and noted in Peking. Since none of the topics involve breaking "new ground", I would not anticipate they will require higher-level clearance.

2. The subjects I will broach are:

a) The President's Foreign Policy Report: I plan to take a copy out with me and to pass this over as a courtesy copy to the Chinese and of obvious interest to them.

b) Prisoners: I will refer to the other prisoners the Chinese are holding by name, suggesting that if any are ill or require special care of medicine, the American Red Cross is ready to provide whatever assistance the Chinese Red Cross may wish (This has been cleared with the ARC.). Our purpose is to be able to respond to any queries from family or Congressman, if necessary, that we specifically raised all the prisoners by name at some point in the context of this meeting in Warsaw. (Our formal statement Feb 20 refers only to Fecteau & Dunn.)

c) Sino-Soviet-US Triangle: I will note that there is great speculation abroad

We would emphasize that as we have hoped they have gathered from our remarks at the last two meetings, this is not our approach toward our discussions and hope it is not that of the Chinese. The purpose of this is to emphasize through a personal, informal comment an argument we have made in the formal meetings.



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d) Level of Meetings: I will note that while we have found Charge Lei Yang a capable and articulate spokesman for the PRC at the last two meetings, we are concerned that the intent of our two Governments to conduct these talks at the Ambassadorial-level is being given due attention in Peking. The purpose would be both to try and elicit some reaction on appointment of a new Chinese Ambassador and to provide some basis for a possible future argument against escalating the meetings to a higher level (if we wished to do so) on grounds that they are not yet even at an Ambassadorial-level on both sides.

e) Press Exchange: I will refer to recent inquiries from the American Society of Newspaper Editors, the Gannet newspapers, and the New York Times and inquire whether the Chinese believed any response to the interest of these press organizations in visiting China or in arranging an exchange with NCNA is likely to be forthcoming. The purpose would be to underline by reference to specific cases our continuing interest in press exchanges.

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